

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office Action of June 19, 2006 relating to the above-identified application.

To summarize the claim changes made in this amendment, Claims 1, 8 and 9 have been amended and new Claim 14 has been added. No new matter is considered to be presented by these amendments or new Claim 14 in view of the support contained in the originally filed application. Also, it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are in full conformance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs.

The amendment of the claims and new Claim 14 are supported by the description in the original specification, for example, as set forth below:

The amendment of Claims 1 and 9 incorporates the features of original Claim 8. The amendment of Claim 8 is supported on page 4, lines 1-8 of the specification.

New Claim 14 is supported on page 4, lines 9-14.

#### **Claim Rejections**

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9 and 13 are rejected under U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Schramm* (US 4,425,597).

Claim 3 is also rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Schramm* (US '597) in further view of *Brooks* (US 5,204,672).

Both of these rejections are believed to be moot.

In this amendment, independent Claims 1 and 9 are amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from original Claim 8. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that

independent Claims 1 and 9 and their dependant claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's confirmation of allowable subject matter relative to Claims 8 and 10-12.

In view of the above amendment, applicants submit that all rejections raised in the Office Action are overcome such that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants look forward to confirmation of the same at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If any fees are required to facilitate entry and consideration of this Amendment, the fees may be charged to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 032405.171.

Favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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